

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input by the panel ~~section~~, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of

the user, and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 2. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 5. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 6. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input by the panel ~~section~~, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 7. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 9. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 10. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 11. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default identification and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the

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mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user are input by the panel ~~section~~, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user.

Claim 12. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 13. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel ~~section~~ comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 14. (currently amended) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 15. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claims 16-20. (canceled).

Claim 21. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

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a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus;

a controller configured to set the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input by the panel ~~section~~, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of ~~the user~~ set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 22. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 23. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input by the panel ~~section~~, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of

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the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 24. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 25. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address;

a panel ~~section~~ configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel ~~section~~;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user, input by the panel ~~section~~, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information

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regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

Claim 26. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claims 27-28. (canceled).

Claim 29. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message; the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information, ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-

mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address ~~of the user~~ set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 30. (original) The method according to claim 29, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 31. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information, a ~~mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the

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attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

Claim 32. (original) The method according to claim 31, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 33. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information, ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the

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identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user.

Claim 34. (original) The method according to claim 33, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claims 35-36. (canceled).

Claim 37. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information, ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at a receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address ~~of the user~~ set into the mail

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message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to the receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 38. (original) The method according to claim 37, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 39. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information, ~~a mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at a receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the

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identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to the receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 40. (original) The method according to claim 39, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 41. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being information other than the default information, ~~a-mail~~ an e-mail address of a user being an address other than the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default ~~mail~~ e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user are not input;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user and the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at a receiving apparatus, of the

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attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user, and a reply to the e-mail is returned to the ~~mail~~ e-mail address of the user; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to the receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 42. (original) The method according to claim 41, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claims 43-44. (canceled).

Claim 45. (new) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information and a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus,

a panel configured to input, to the image data communication apparatus, information regarding an identification of a user and an e-mail address of a user; and

a controller configured to set the default information and the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel;

the controller being configured to set the default e-mail address, the information regarding the identification of the user input by the panel and the mail address of the

user input by the panel into the e-mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are input by the panel, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 46. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 47. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 48. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding an identification of the user in the memory.

Claim 49. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 50. (new) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and a default e-mail address, information regarding an identification of a user being other than the default

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information, an e-mail address of a user being other than the default e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default information and the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not input; and

setting the default e-mail address, the input information regarding the identification of the user and the input e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 51. (new) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus;

a panel configured to input information regarding an identification of a user and an e-mail address of a user to the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are not input by the panel;

the controller being configured to set the default e-mail address, the information regarding the identification of the user input by the panel and the e-mail address of the user input by the panel into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address are input by the panel, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 52. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 53. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the panel comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 54. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 53, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding an identification of the user in the memory.

Claim 55. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 51, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 56. (new) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, an e-mail address of a user being other than the default e-mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when information regarding an identification of a user and the e-mail address of the user are not input; and

setting the default e-mail address, the input information regarding the identification of the user and the input e-mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user and the e-mail address of the user are input, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.